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E.O.11652:GDS TAGS: MTN SUBJECT: ARRANGEMENTS FOR GENEVA VISIT BY AMBASSADOR STRAUSS

REF: GENEVA 12277

- 1. ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT BY AMBASSADOR STRAUSS TO GENEVA ARE RAPIDLY MOVING INTO THEIR FINAL STAGES THROUGH ACTIVE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE EC, THE JAPANESE AND THE GATT SECRETARIAT AND SOME 25 OTHER PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. OUR PLANNING ASSUMPION IS FOR AMBASSADOR STRAUSS TO ARRIVE SOMETIME SUNDAY EVENING, JANUARY 22, AND TO BE AVAILABLE IN GENEVA THROUGH TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 24. HIS HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE FOR A SUITE AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL BEGINNING SUNDAY NIGHT.
- 2. THE ITINERARY IN GENEVA IS BEING DEVELOPED AS OUTLINED BELOW. IF WASHINGTON HAS OTHER SUGGESTIONS, CONFIDENTIAL

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THEY ARE NEEDED IMMEDIATELY IF THEY ARE TO BE PLACED IN CONSIDERATION WITH THE OTHER DELEGATIONS.

A. MONDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00 AM - INITIAL BRIEFING OVER BREAKFAST IN HOTEL

BY MCDONALD.

9:30 AM - BRIEF MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT HAFERKAMP

- TO DISCUSS MAJOR PLANNING GUIDELINES FOR
- NEXT STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS (OPTIONS BEING PREPARED BY MTN DELEGATION).

10:15 AM - MEETING OF GATT DIRECTOR GENERAL WITH

- MESSRS. STRAUSS, HAFERKAMP AND USHIBA
- (AND POSSIBLY WARREN) TO AGREE ON GENERAL
- TIMETABLE, AND PRIORITIES FOR NEXT PHASE
- OF TOKYO ROUND. LONG ALSO WANTS TO BRING
- FORWARD SEVERAL KEY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION
- AND POSSIBLE GUIDANCE TO HIM TO HELP
- ACCELERATE THE NEGOTIATIONS. LONG HAS
- REQUESTED THAT TIME BE LEFT AVAILABLE FOR
- THIS MEETING TO CONTINUE UP TO 12:15 IF
- NECESSARY, MAKING IT A SUBSTANTIVELY
- IMPORTANT SESSION. THIS MEETING SHOULD
- CERTAINLY COMMIT THE GATT SECRETARIAT
- FULLY TO THE SCHEDULE WE ADVOCATE AND
- ASSURE THEIR COOPERATION WITHIN REASON
- DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS IN KEEPING
- THINGS MOVING.

12:30 PM - LUNCHEON ATTENDED BY SOME 50 PERSONS

- REPRESENTING ABOUT 30 DIFFERENT COUN-
- TRIES. ALTHOUGH PREDOMINATELY A RELACONFIDENTIAL

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- TIONSHIP-BUILDING EXERCISE. THIS SESSION
- WOULD BE JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE U.S.,
- THE EC AND JAPAN AND COULD PROVIDE A FEW
- MINUTES OF DISCUSSION TIME TO OUTLINE THE
- TIMETABLE UNDER DISCUSSION THAT MORNING
- AND TO TRY TO GAIN WIDESPREAD SUPPORT
- AMONG THE OTHER KEY COUNTRIES TO PURSUE
- IT ACTIVELY.

3:30-4:00 PM - A GATHERING OF DELEGATIONS FOR THE

- GATT INFORMAL MEETING TO MARK OCCASION
- OF TABLING OF OFFERS AND LAUNCHING OF NEXT
- PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS. PRESS WILL BE
- ADMITTED FOR 15 MINUTES DURING THE
- ASSEMBLY PERIOD FOR GENERAL PHOTOS AND TV
- COVERAGE.

3:45-4:00 PM - BEGINNING OF INFORMAL MEETING CHAIRED

- BY DG LONG. IN ADDITION TO HIS REMARKS,
- THERE SHOULD BE A FEW SELECTED SPEECHES
- INCLUDING ONE OF ABOUT 10 MINUTES OR SO BY
- AMBASSADOR STRAUSS EMPHASIZING THE

- IMPORTANCE OF THE OCCASION, UNDERLINING
- THE U.S. DEDICATION TO ACTION AND EMPHASIZ-
- ING OUR DESIRE TO COMPLETE THE ROUND BY
- MID-SUMMER. THIS SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED
- BY A PREPARED TEXT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE
- PRESS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING TO
- ENSURE FULL COVERAGE IN EVENING NEWSPAPERS
- AND TV PROGRAMS.

6:30-8:00 PM - GRAND RECEPTION, HOSTED BY GATT;

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- WOULD PERMIT INFORMAL OPPORTUNITY FOR HEADS
- OF DELEGATIONS AND OTHER VISITING DIGNI-
- TARIES TO MEET AMBASSADOR STRAUSS AND OTHERS.

8:00 PM - A SMALL, INFORMAL, INTERNAL DINNER AT

- MCDONALD RESIDENCE FOR KEY U.S. PARTICI-
- PANTS. INVITED WOULD ALSO BE AMBASSADORS
- VANDEN HEUVEL AND WARNER SO THEY WOULD HAVE
- AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT WITH AMBASSADOR
- STRAUSS DURING HIS STAY HERE.

B. TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00-9:30 AM - BREAKFAST WITH KEY REPRESENTATIVES OF

- 20 LDC'S. THIS WILL BE A U.S.-HOSTED EVENT
- FOR THE LDC'S AND WILL PROVIDE AN
- OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS FIRST-
- HAND THAT COULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO THE
- NEGOTIATIONS OVER TIME. ALL HAVE RESPONDED
- FAVORABLY TO THE ORAL INVITATIONS CONVEYED
- ASKING THEM TO RESERVE THIS TIME ON THEIR

- CALENDARS.

10:30-11:15 AM - STRAUSS PERSONAL PRESS CONFERENCE

- AT PALAIS DES NATIONS. THIS IS INTENDED TO CONFIDENTIAL

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- BUILD ON THE GENERAL PRESS ACTIVITIES OF THE
- DAY BEFORE BUT TO FOCUS EXCLUSIVELY ON
- STRAUSS AND THE U.S. POSITIONS FOR WIDE-
- SPREAD SECOND DAY COVERAGE.

12:30 - LUNCHEON WORK SESSION WITH MTN DELEGATION

- REPORTING ON EVENTS AND OUTLINING PRIORITIES
- AND TIMETABLE FOR THEM FOR THE NEXT PHASE.

PM - (A) BRIEF INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS WITH HEADS OF

- DELEGATIONS AS DEEMED USEFUL AT THE TIME OR
- (B) AN AFTERNOON VISIT TO BERNE TO PAY RESPECTS
- TO SOME OF THE SWISS OFFICIALS.
- 3. GATT INVITATIONS HAVE ALREADY GONE FORWARD FOR THEIR EVENTS AND U.S. ORAL INVITATIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN DISTRIBUTED FOR THE LUNCHEON AND BREAKFAST SESSIONS. SINCE ARRANGEMENTS ARE RAPIDLY BECOMING FIXED, PLEASE NOTIFY SOONEST OF ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS OR ALTERATIONS DESIRED. MCDONALD

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